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June 29, 2021

## **VIA FACSIMILE: (225) 381-7271 AND U.S. MAIL**

Louisiana Board of Ethics Attention: Charles E. Reeves, Jr. P.O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re:

Docket ID: 2021-274

Request for Rehearing for Waiver of Late Fee

Dear Mr. Reeves:

On behalf of Steven Marcus, I hereby request reconsideration of the Board's June 2021 decision declining to waive the \$400 Late Fee.

Mr. Marcus, ran for Councilmember for the Town of Madisonville. Madisonville has a population of less than 800. Mr. Marcus is a business owner who has never before been a candidate for elective office. As indicated on his reports, the amount of campaign funds raised from third parties is very small. Additionally, the amount of funds spent during the campaign was very small.

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Assessment of a late fee under the circumstances will only serve to deter citizens from seeking elective office. Furthermore, the amount of the late fee is excessive in light of the amount of campaign funds received from third parties. The Board should waive or alternatively reduce the amount of the late fee given the circumstances.



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